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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Chula Vista – Man Charged with Anti-Gay Hate-Crime Attack on Neighbor

(U) A Chula Vista man was charged yesterday with a hate crime for allegedly attacking a neighbor last month while shouting homophobic slurs at the victim. The suspect, Robert Frank Wilson, 40, is accused of working with a group of other people to hang an antisemitic banner on a freeway overpass on 18 December. Wilson pleaded not guilty in San Diego Superior Court to the battery charge and hate crime allegation in connection with the 10 November attack on his neighbor. If convicted, he faces up to three-years and six-months in prison. Prosecutors allege Wilson used his vehicle to block his neighbor's driveway, then got out of the vehicle and began yelling homophobic slurs at the victim.

SOURCE: 27 December 2021, San Diego Union Tribune

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US CBP Agents Arrest Two Gang Members

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley Sector agents arrested two gang members over the holiday weekend. On Sunday McAllen Border Patrol Station (MCS) agents arrested Adrian Garcia-Miramontes, 44, a Mexican national who was arrested after he illegally entered the United States. Criminal records checks revealed him to be a member of the Paisas gang. In 2009, the migrant was arrested by the Hidalgo County Sherriff's Office for sexual assault and was found guilty and sentenced to two-years' probation. In a separate incident yesterday, MCS agents conducting processing duties identified a Salvadoran national whose records checks revealed his affiliation to the MS-13 gang. In 2016, the subject was sentenced to one-year confinement for unlawful carrying of a weapon and was subsequently removed from the United States.

SOURCE: 27 December 2021, CBP Press Release

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Gunman Kills Four and Injures Three in Shooting Spree

(U) Denver – A gunman has been blamed for killing four individuals and injuring three, including a police officer, in a shooting spree at multiple locations in Denver and the suburb of Lakewood. The suspected gunman was fatally shot in Lakewood. Authorities said they are searching for more possible suspects. The first shooting occurred in Denver, which resulted in the deaths of two women, and another person was injured. There was a separate shooting that resulted in another man's death in another location in the city.

SOURCE: 27 December 2021, FOX News

(U) Florida – US Border Patrol says 25 Cuban Migrants Land on Beach

(U) Key West – The US Border Patrol said that 25 Cuban migrants made landfall yesterday and over the weekend, as tries to reach South Florida from Cuba by sea continue to rise dramatically. Three groups of people arrived at various locations. Yesterday a group made it to Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park. A day earlier, a group arrived at Smathers Beach. Another made landfall near the Southernmost Point

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landmark. The Key West landings are part of a significant increase in maritime migration from Cuba to South Florida.

SOURCE: 27 December 2021, Miami Herald

(U) Wisconsin – Man Arrested Accused of Threatening to Blow up Madison College on Christmas Eve (U) Madison – Police arrested a 42-year-old man who allegedly threatened to blow up Madison College on Christmas Eve. In a blog post, Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes said a 911 dispatcher got a call, in the evening, from a man who said he had a bomb and was going to blow up the college. Officers responded to the scene and arrested the man on charges of bail jumping and bomb threats. SOURCE: 27 December 2021, Channel 3000

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) United Kingdom - COVID-19 Lockdowns May Have Increased Terrorism Threat

(U) London – The terrorism threat to the UK may have become worse by COVID-19 lockdowns, a security minister has suggested. Damian Hinds said that people spending extended periods of time in their bedrooms during the restrictions could have pushed them towards radicalization. Hinds' remarks echo similar warnings from the police and the UN's counterterrorism committee executive directorate (CTED). Counter Terrorism Police said this month they had foiled seven late-stage terror attacks since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. It took the total number of foiled terrorism plots in the UK in the past four years to 32.

SOURCE: 27 December 2021, The Guardian

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